

Pseudobrassaiopsis - A new genus of Araliaceae with a note on the status of *Euaraliopsis* Hutch.¹

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J. Hutchinson (1967) treated a group of Araliaceaceous plants with leaves digitately lobed or fid formerly included under *Brassiopsis* Dcne. & Planch. *sensu lato* as belonging to a distinct genus. He named his new genus as *Euaraliopsis* quite aware of the name given by Kurz (1870). Kurz had not furnished a description of the genus and Hutchinson described it in English. In accordance with Art. 36 of ICBN (1966) a latin diagnosis with points of alliance is to be supplied to validate the genus *Euaraliopsis* Hutch. It is, however, noted that Hutchinson rejected the name *Araliopsis* of Kurz and gave the genus a new name *Euaraliopsis* which means allied to *Araliopsis*. But as no legitimate genus of that name exists, naming of the new genus as *Euaraliopsis* is also not appropriate.

I therefore proposed another name for this genus as *Pseudobrassaiopsis* to indicate its close relationship with *Brassaiopsis* Dcne. & Planch. A latin diagnosis is given below:

Pseudobrassaiopsis gen. nov.

Araliopsis Kurz, Andaman Rep. App. 39. 1870 *nom. nud.*

Euaraliopsis Hutch. Gen. Fl. Pls. 2:80. 1967; Balak. in

J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc. 67(1):60. 1970 *nom. illeg., nom. rej. prop.*

Affine generi *Brassaiopsi*, a quo differt foliis digitatim dissectis vel lobatis.

Arbores, frutices^d vel plante volubiles; rami et petiole saepe valde aculeati; folia digitatim dissecta vel lobata, raro tantum dentata; indumentum interdum stellatum; stipulae nonnunquam durae et persistentes; umbellae paniculatae; bractae parvae vel nullae; flores saepe polygami; calyx ad marginem 5-dentatus; petala 5, valvata; stamina 5, ovarium biloculare; fructus subglobosi vel obovoidei.

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Type: *Pseudobrassaiopsis polyacantha* (Wall.) R. N. Ban. comb. nov.

DISTRIBUTION: India, Nepal, Bhutan, Sikkim, Malay Peninsula, Indo-China and China.

1. ***Pseudobrassaiopsis hainla*** (Buch. Ham. ex D. Don) R. N. Ban. comb. nov.

Hedera hainla Buch. Ham. ex D. Don Prodr. 187. 1825.

Euraliopsis hainla (Buch. Ham. ex D. Don) Hutch. Gen. Fl. Pls. 2:624. 1967.

Brassaiopsis hainla (Buch. Ham. ex D. Don) Seem. in J. Bot. 2: 291. 1864, Revis. Heder. 18. 1868, pro. parte;

Clarke in Hook. f. Fl. Brit. India 2:735. 1879; Harms in Nat. Pflanzen fam. 3(8) 43. 1894.

Panax hainla (D. Don) DC. Prodr. 4:203. 1830.

Panax crucifolia Griff. Itin. Notes 2:145. 1848.

DISTRIBUTION: India, Nepal and China.

2. ***Pseudobrassaiopsis hispida*** (Seem.) R. N. Ban. comb. nov.

Brassaiopsis hispida Seem. l. c. 292; Clarke in Hook. f. l. c. 736.

DISTRIBUTION: India, Sikkim, Bhutan and China.

3. ***Pseudobrassaiopsis alpina*** (Clarke) R. N. Ban. comb. nov.

Brassaiopsis alpina Clarke in l. c. 736.

Euraliopsis alpina (Clarke) Balak. l. c. 60.

DISTRIBUTION: India and Sikkim.

4. ***Pseudobrassaiopsis polyacantha*** (Wall.) R. N. Ban. comb. nov.

Hedera polyacantha Wall. Pl. As. Rar. 2:82. t. 190. 1831.

Panax palmatum Roxb. Hort. Beng. 21. 1814, nom. nud., Fl. Ind. 2:74. 1832.

Brassaiopsis palmata (Roxb.) Kurz in J. Asiat. Soc. Bengal 39(2): 77. 1870; Clarke l. c. 735; Harms l. c. 43.

Brassaiopsis polyacantha (Wall.) Ban. in. Ind. For. 93(5):341. 1967 Syn. nov.

DISTRIBUTION: India, Burma, Nepal, China and Malay Peninsula.

5. ***Pseudobrassaiopsis andamanica*** (R. N. Ban.) R. N. Ban. comb. nov.

Brassaiopsis andamanica R. N. Ban. in. Ind. For. 94(10):775. 1968. Syn. nov.

DISTRIBUTION: India, Nepal, Burma, China and Malay Peninsula.

6. ***Pseudobrassaiopsis griffithii*** (Clarke) R. N. Ban. comb. nov.

Brassaiopsis griffithii Clarke l. c. 736.; Harms l. c. 43.

Euraliopsis griffithii (Clarke) Balak. l. c. 60.

DISTRIBUTION: India and Burma.

7. **Pseudobrassaiopsis mitis** (Clarke) R. N. Ban. *comb. nov.*
Brassaiopsis mitis Clarke, l. c. 736.
Euaraliopsis mitis (Clarke), Balak. l. c. 60.
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